

THE MAJORITY DOES NOT RULE.

Some Startling Disclosures from Various Parts of the State—"The People do not Rule."—How Person and Parker Were Deceived in Wayne.

The undersigned, candidates of the People's party of Wayne county, for the House of the next Legislature, deem it proper to make the following statement to their friends and the public:

The returns for the whole county and city wards, except the Goldsboro precinct box show as follows:

W. R. Allen for the House..... 2,177
John A. Stevens for the House..... 2,185
Joseph E. Person for the House..... 2,123
George W. Parker for the House..... 2,117

The poll holders of the Goldsboro precinct box refused to return the legislative vote of said precinct, but did send the following statement to the county canvassing board:

We hereby certify that at the election held on November 8th, 1892, there were found in the legislative box of Goldsboro precinct 145 ballots for B. F. Aycock and Thos. J. Armstrong, each for Senators of the 9th District, and for Wm. Ham 239 votes and for R. G. Maxwell 238 votes, for Senators of the 9th District.

We further certify that we found in said box for W. R. Allen 146 votes, and for John A. Stevens 145 votes; for George W. Parker 239 votes, and for Joseph E. Person 238 votes.

We further certify that the poll-books and registration books of said precinct show only 373 persons as voting in said box at said election.

We further certify that upon the facts herein set forth we decline to count the votes in said box and rejected the same.

D. J. BROADHURST, Registrar,
S. K. ROYAL, Judge Election,
S. W. LAMB, Judge Election.

The other poll-holders, Hugh Humphrey and Gaston Kelly, refused to sign the above statement.

If the Goldsboro box had been counted the result would have been as follows:

Person, ex. Goldsboro box..... 2123
Person, Goldsboro precinct..... 238

Total..... 2361

Stevens, ex. Goldsboro box..... 2135
Stevens, Goldsboro precinct..... 145

Total..... 2330

Person's majority..... 31
Parker, ex. Goldsboro box..... 2117
Parker, Goldsboro precinct..... 239

Total..... 2356

Allen, except Goldsboro box..... 2177
Allen, Goldsboro precinct..... 146

Total..... 2323

Parker's majority..... 33

When the county vote was being cast up the county canvassing board were requested to send for the poll-holders and witnesses to show the facts about the Goldsboro precinct box, and the board refused to do so, and finally, by leaving out the Goldsboro box, declared Allen and Stevens elected, and thus the will of the people was defeated in the face of the above record and facts.

We have been urged by our country friends to contest the seats of Allen and Stevens before the Legislature, but we think that body would not correct the wrong done and the contest would involve much trouble and expense and we have decided to publish the above for your future reflection.

Respectfully submitted,
JOSEPH E. PERSON,
GEORGE W. PARKER.

HOW IT WAS DONE IN PENDER.

BURGAW, N. C.

Mr. Editor:—As it is right that the people should know just how so called success has been achieved in some counties in North Carolina, I propose to tell them how it was done in Pender. So far as has been heard, the election was fair, square and honest; of course with two of the shrewdest Democrats of each township as poll-holders, and a Democratic registrar, it was hardly likely that any People's party man or Republican could perpetrate a fraud, even if he had desired to do so. When the canvassing board met on Thursday after the election, it proceeded to elect whom it chose. The member of the board from Burgaw reported his township all right, when the county attorney appeared before the board and alleged that there were more votes found in the county box than were recorded; that there had been two illegal votes cast, and that there were irregularities. It was shown that the poll-holders had compared the registration book with the poll list and had found, as they thought, the two men who had voted and whose names were not recorded; but it seems they were mistaken as to one of them, but there was no question in the minds of the poll-holders but what a legal voter had put the ballot in and his name had been omitted by accident, as further investigation would no doubt have proven. However, upon such a flimsy pretext as this, a motion was made to throw out the township, and out it went, the member from Burgaw voting "No," thus disfranchising every voter in the township simply because it was alleged that there were two illegal votes cast, and no poll book kept, although a record was kept.

But Rocky Point township was worse still, for that township was thrown out on the ground that it was alleged that too many votes were found in two boxes, viz: county and legislature. The returns from that township were all made out in due form and signed by the registrar and poll-holders, certifying that it was correct in all respects; and yet, because the following statement was written on a blank space on the return, and not even signed, that body of men, who were there to act as judges, faithfully, impartially, and according to law, deliberately voted to throw out, and not count, the county and legislative returns. This is the statement:

"By comparing the vote with the poll-books, we find too many votes in two boxes, viz: county and legislature."

In the first place, the allegation was unworthy of notice in that it had no authority for it could not be contended that the poll-holders were responsible for it, as they had already certified to the correctness of the returns, and having done that, they could stultify themselves by making this assertion, and did not sign this statement. In the second place, if it had been deemed worthy of notice, how should a judge have acted? Why, by investigating the matter and finding out the truth, and then acting in accordance with law. The son of the Democratic candidate for the House, who was one of the board, moved that these boxes be thrown out, and it was done. Throwing out these townships enabled them to count in the Democratic candidates for the House, Sheriff, and Register of Deeds, but they didn't throw out quite enough to count out the People's party candidates for treasurer and surveyor.

The case will be carried to court, and it is not doubted that justice will be done there.

Fraternally, PENDER.

VOTES THROWN OUT IN BRUNSWICK.

LOCKWOOD'S FOLLY,
Brunswick Co., N. C.

Mr. Editor:—In complying with the call of the Executive Committee of Brunswick county, about 400 citizens met in convention to see what step should be taken to right the wrongs of the late election by the board of canvassers of this county; who refused to count the votes for the People's party on the pretense that they were not printed on white paper. Mr. Wm. W. Drew, Chairman, stated the object of the meeting in a short but noble speech. He appointed Isaac Milliken, temporary chairman and John Jenrette, temporary secretary. On motion, they were made permanent.

On motion, a committee of two be appointed from each township. Motion prevailed, and committee appointed as follows: Wacamac—Isaac Jenrette, Senator S. K. Mints. Shallotte—D. B. Stanley, J. F. Norris. Lockwood's Folly—Lorenza Sellers, Jackson Stanley. Smithville—Marion Robins, S. P. Swain. Town Creek—Geo. H. Cannon, Nixon Ottoway. Northwest not represented. Sam. P. Swain introduced Dexter Robison who made a stirring speech on the rights and privileges of the voters of this county, who were defrauded out of their rights by the board of canvassers. W. Holden, D. K. Mints, B. D. Wescott and Peter Cox all made speeches and stated that all we want is justice and that in an honorable way. Arthur Lucas (col.) spoke on the way himself and others were treated on the election day. He had been voting for many years, but this time he was challenged at the polls and not allowed to vote. He spoke of one man who had been voting there 52 years was treated in the same way. Some of the leading white citizens were kept from voting. The committee on resolutions reported as follows:

WHEREAS, We believe the late election in this State, particularly in this county has shown conclusively to every unprejudiced mind that there are unprincipled men among us who do not hesitate to resort to means and methods which sap the foundation of civil liberty and subvert the fundamental principles upon which this government is founded; and which if submitted to must lead to revolution, anarchy, war, and to the final overthrow of Republican institutions in this county; and whereas we believe that every honest patriotic citizen irrespective of party affiliations will put the seal of condemnation upon those who have thus sought to outrage the rights of a majority of the good people of Brunswick county. Therefore be it

Resolved, That we denounce in unmeasured terms those who have taken any part in trying to rob the people of their rights and privileges in the recent election their aiders and abettors and all who countenance, sympathize or justify the same.

2. That we hereby pledge ourselves to use every honorable means to right the wrongs of our county candidates, and restore them to the positions to which they have been elected, and that we will in public and private support and maintain the principles of right, of honesty of integrity, in political as well as in private life.

3. That we memorialize the Legislature irrespective of party affiliations to seat as the member from Brunswick elected by a majority vote of the people, Isam W. Harrelson; and thus show to the world that a Democratic body can be just, and true to Democratic principles.

4. That George H. Bellamy, William A. Rourke, Samuel S. Drew, Oscar A. Durant, McD. Turner, and John H. Mints who have been illegally and fraudulently declared elected to their respective offices be requested to decline to accept said offices, that they may stand equited before all honorable men of accepting office tainted with fraud and a copy of this resolution be sent to each of the above.

5. That we in the future as voters will not support any one for office who shall accept any position from the retiring board given against all right and law.

6. That Isam W. Harrelson, John W. Brooks, Benjamin D. Wescott, Samuel M. Robins, Winfield S. Milliken, Jesse Long, to use all honorable and lawful means to obtain the offices to which they were lawfully elected by the people.

7. That we commend the manly stand taken by Mr. R. M. Wescott against the outrage, who refused to be a party to the fraud. He being the only one of the board of canvassers, who stood for the rights of the people.

Mr. D. B. Stanley made a speech on the reception of the resolutions; when, on his close, he was cheered by the whole assembly. The Memorial to Isam W. Harrelson was read and

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adopted by all present with a loud sound "Yes."

On motion, a copy of these minutes and resolutions be sent to THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER for publication and the *Caucasian*; the *Wilmington Star*, *Messenger*, and *Southport Leader* be requested to copy the same. Adjourned.

ISAAC MILLIKEN, Chm'n.
JOHN JENRETTE, Sec'y.

Stand aside Tammy. Give the board of canvassers of Brunswick county a chance—you can't hold them a candle. If you want the People's party to come out with a small majority, and the Republicans stuck into a hole with the head first, call on Brunswick's Board of Canvassers.

JOHN JENRETTE.

ANOTHER REPORT FROM BRUNSWICK.

EL PARO, N. C.

Mr. Editor:—On the 8th day of November, 1892, the people of this county were robbed, cheated and defrauded out of their most sacred rights and privileges. By whom? The county commissioners paved the way in the appointment of poll-holders; the poll-holders by the appointment of the board of canvassers, and the canvassers by the merest pretext of difference in the paper on which the ballots were printed. Now I want to say that a majority of the board of county commissioners are or have been members of the Farmers' Alliance and are members of the church; a majority of the poll-holders, board of county canvassers and county candidates declared elected are or have been members of the Alliance and are members of the church. Now, Mr. Editor, what are we going to do about it? Can any Alliance man, can any Christian, can any honest man make himself a *parti ceps crummi* to this transaction by endorsing or sustaining those who have thus robbed and cheated their neighbors and farmer friends? Can our Sub-Alliances, can our churches afford to longer fellowship with those who have robbed us of our rights and privileges? My countrymen, whether are we drifting? Stop, think, reflect where this will lead us to. Turn about and change a course that will eventually shipwreck this country, this nation and the civilization of the nineteenth century.

Fraternally, W. W. DREW.

THREE TOWNSHIPS THROWN OUT IN NASH.

Mr. Editor:—On the 10th day of November, 1892, the board of county canvassers of Nash county, of whom there were eleven, one from each township, eight Democrats and three People's party, met at Nashville for the purpose of canvassing and counting the votes. At the hour of 12 o'clock all were together in the court house. Lawrence Moss moved that Bone (Democrat) be made chairman of our board, and by voices of loose mouths in the house he was made chairman. The next move was that Lawrence Moss act as our Secretary. Loose mouths made him secretary. With his assistant secretary, the other canvassers and myself constituted the board of canvassers of Nash county. The Sheriff's election was so intensifying that there were four lawyers employed, two for the Democratic candidates and two for the People's party candidates, as I thought, to investigate an honest election. Democratic lawyers moved that three townships, viz: Ferrell's, Cooper's and Whitaker's, be laid aside as contested townships, and canvass the eight remaining. Canvassers for People's party asked for the grounds of contest but were not answered. The chairman of our board put to vote the move made by counsel for Democrats, and their eight ayes passed it over our three noes. After canvassing the eight townships, counsel for Democrats claimed that the polls of the three contested townships were not open precisely at seven o'clock and their registration books were defective; that the elector gave his place of residence as Ferrell's or Cooper's instead of Ferrell's township or Cooper's township, Nash county, N. C., and his full name. People's party counsel attempted to show that two registration books of two of the townships already canvassed were defective in the same way that those three contested townships were. Democratic counsel objected to the opening and showing of those books and claimed that it was too late to make that a defense, and asked the chairman to vote us upon that question as to whether People's party counsel should investigate those books or not. Of course the eight Democrats out voted us. Democratic counsel claimed that resorting to these books then was too late for a defense. The Democratic counsel asked the chairman to vote the board as to whether the votes of those three contested townships were legal or not. I then rose and moved that as I was a member of the board, that the board examine the books from all the townships, and throw out every one found defective, but the chairman and three or four more of the board argued me down in that. The chairman then put to vote as to whether we should throw out those three townships; contested, and eight Democratic votes three them out. What does this mean? I now appeal to the honest people of my country, where is honesty? Where is truth? When will it rise again? What will these methods bring us? Where will it end?

T. B. BRANTLEY.

IN BEAUFORT COUNTY.

A correspondent writes: "Citizens refused the privilege of voting. Ballot boxes were stuffed, there was no fairness in the election."

A correspondent writing from Blue Springs township, Robeson county, says the voting was done in a plank pen ten feet high. Nobody could see or know what was going on.

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THE OFFICIAL VOTE OF THE STATE.

The State Board of Canvassers have completed the official vote of the State for presidential electors, and have announced it to be as follows.

FOR PRESIDENT.

1888. 1892.

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